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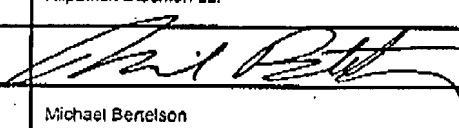
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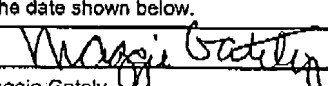
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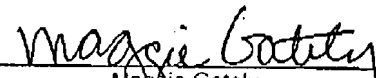
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In response to the June 28, 2007 Office communication (the "Office Action"), please consider the following amendments, remarks, and provisional elections with traverse.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.